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Sir:

Applicant hereby responds to the office action dated January 25, 2006.

RESPONSE

Claims 1-7 and 14-20 are in this application. Claims 1, 2, 6, 7, 14, 15, 19 and 20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U. S. Patent No. 5,653,024 to Cartagena. Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's application of Cartagena to the present application and claims.

Cartagena does not teach or suggest a nail clipping receptacle which encases the nail clipper as claimed. Claim 1 includes the limitation of "a hollow housing . . . sized to slidably receive the nail clippers therein." When the clippers are inserted into the claimed housing, the body of the clippers are completely encased by the housing. The housing set forth

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